

The Epistle

March 2009

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The Pastor's Pen

We recently received this letter from our companion congregation in Tanzania, Songwe Lutheran Church in Mbeya. May it be a blessing unto you!

Dear Pastor Thomas,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In great pleasure and honor, we acknowledge receipt of a total of \$1,500 US dollars sent to us by your church. *(from an unrestricted \$46,000 bequest by the Estate of Helen Sledd)* We owe our heartfelt appreciation for this valuable contribution which means a lot to us. At the time of receipt of the said money, our exchange rate to Tanzanian shillings provided us with 1,545,000 Tanzanian shillings. The money was used to sort out three issues which were facing the congregation, namely, a parish building project, evangelical mission projects

and evangelists' allowances.

The Songwe Lutheran Parish is currently engaged in some small revenue generation projects to try to reduce the impact of poverty. Our church is situated by the Tanzania/Zambia highway. We are using this opportunity to build small scale shopping booths for possible renting. Nine such booths are in progress, but the aim is to complete 13 of them. The total cost of this project is estimated at 10 million Tanzania Shillings, about \$9,710 dollars. Church members have donated their time and expertise. Some of the money received from you has been spent on this project.

We have attached photos showing the progress on this project. *(see photos in this Epistle)* Thank you so much for giving us a push. God willing, the

fruits from the project will bring more souls to Christ as the parish will have some added ability to move out and preach to many more who have not received the good news of Christ.

We have planned to formally inaugurate our project in a date to be advised in 2009. We will send you an invitation for possible participation of a member of your team. It would be interesting for you to visit East Africa and Mbeya, Tanzania in particular.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father be with you all!

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Njekwingila Mwasyoge





Birthdays in March

Nicole LaMotte	3/1 (2/29)	Aidan Hayes	3/8	Chad Masemer	3/21
Larry Hartman	3/1	Lesli Staley	3/8	Jacob Thompson	3/22
Betty Geisler	3/2	Evelyn Little	3/10	Tim Palmer	3/24
Mary Jane Schuman	3/3	Pat Gantz	3/12	Jacob Tosh	3/25
Betty Wiseman	3/3	Brady Topper	3/14	Bob Bein	3/26
Amanda Kindig	3/4	Charlie Weikert	3/14	Esther Basehoar	3/26
Sara Kindig	3/4	Lucas Denault	3/15	Harry Decker	3/26
Barry Fissel	3/6	Owen Yingling	3/16	Jessica Sprengle	3/26
Sue Mauck	3/6	Janis Daron	3/17	Robert Palmer	3/27
Frank Basehoar	3/7	Jason Boyd	3/19	Jodi Strevig	3/27
Mildred Cleveland	3/8	Ruth Elder	3/19	Julie Williams	3/29
		Jennifer Yealy	3/19	Melinda Keller	3/30
		Maurice Bream	3/21		



Anniversaries in March

Jeffrey & Melinda Keller
March 17

Matthew & Kimberly Bush
March 23

Wilbur & Josephine Reindollar
March 27

Worship Assistants for March

Counters	Phyllis Null, Bill Null, Craig Staley*, Tracy Schwartz*				
Communion Helpers	Craig Staley* & Tracy Schwartz				
Altar Guild	Sue Mauck & Louise McGonigal				
	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Lectors	Ernie Spamer	Craig Staley*	Garrett Faber	Pete Pautenis	Bob Palmer
Greeters	The Schumaker Family	Mary & Jarrett Hall	Steve & Alice Snyder	Craig, Lesli & Matthew Staley	Barb, Tracy & Emily Schwartz
Ushers - 8:00	Fern & Millie Bachman	Ken & Linda Smith	Barry & Loretta Cluck	Barb Zumbrum Ruth Ann Peart	Ruth & Pete Pautenis
Ushers - 10:15	Clyde Keilholtz Larry Zepp* Bob Snyder Regina Snyder	Bob Palmer Karen Palmer Don Snyder* Mike Cutsail	Alan DeGroft Wayne Carter* Jon Carter Larry Zepp*	Mark Sweigart* Tracy Schwartz* Ed & Theresa* Windisch	Barb Sentz Mel Leidy Emily Schwartz Barb Schwartz
Acolytes	Karissa O'Conner	Hailey Jemison	Amanda Caples	Will Bein	Hannah Jemison
Nursery Helpers	Retreat	Ayleen & Rachel Stellhorn	Barb & Emily Schwartz	Judi & Sarah Schumaker	Robin & Jessica Caples



Thank You!

Thank You Notes

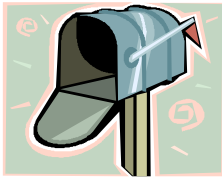
To the Members of St. Paul's,

After a recent fall you've shown so much love. Thank you for the visits from Pastor Stellhorn and cards. Also, the delicious meals you provided for me. I've been a member of a caring church for 83 years. ~Millie Cleveland

Special thanks to Fern & Millie Bachman, Ann Hartman, Bill & Phyllis Null, Bud Schwartz, Ken & Linda Smith, Ernie Spamer, Sue Strevig, Jim & Marietta Witt, and Larry Zepp for your help with the yearbook! I appreciate your dedication and time. I could not have done it without all of you! ~Barb



ADDRESS CHANGE



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LUTHERAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE, INC

A Ministry of Lutheran Social Services

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lutheran Home Care is currently seeking committed and caring individuals for our hospice volunteer spring training program. Individuals with day, evening or weekend availability are needed.

Hospice volunteers assist and support those coping with terminal illness in their homes by providing emotional support to families, relief and respite to caregivers, but mostly by being a friend at a time when companionship is needed most. Bereavement volunteers provide support to bereaved persons by making supportive phone calls and visits as needed.

Volunteer training will be provided at the Lutheran Home Care & Hospice office in Gettysburg. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Melissa Gladfelter at 337-4469.

“You have not lived today
Until you have done something for
Someone who can never repay you”

Perfect Attendance for January

2 & 3 Year Olds

Lucas Denault
Matthew Denault

4 Year Olds

Colin Denault
Logan Lanning

5 Year Olds

Jarrett Hall
Nathan Thomas



Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

Charlie Bein
Karissa O'Conner
Eddie Windisch

High School

Ryan Faber

Living Hope

Tom Jemison
Charles Mauck
Sue Mauck
Gary Strevig
Sue Strevig



Ed Windisch
Theresa Windisch

Bible Class

Clyde Keilholtz
Don Snyder

Coffee & Donuts

Rick Masemer



Musical Notes

During the month of **March** we are in the season of **Lent**. Mid-week **soup suppers** (5:45 PM) and **Vespers Service** (6:30 PM) take place on March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. **Contemporary worship** takes place at the 10:15 service on March 15. St. Paul's Ringer's will be enhancing the 10:15 worship service on March 22nd by preparing us for worship.

NEWS YOU NEED

CONGRATULATIONS



Dottie Van Almen graduated from a 10 hour PEER training class on February 13. The class was given by the Office of Aging at Golden Living Center, Gettysburg. Dignitaries from the State and County Offices of Aging were among the guests attending the graduation Ceremony.



Dottie is now a PEER (Pennsylvania Empowered Expert Resident). There are only 650 in the state of Pennsylvania. PEERS are trained to make their facility the best that it can be.

Congrats to Dottie!!

Food Pantry Item of the Month

There is a shopping cart in the Kammerer Room for donations to the Littlestown Food Pantry. The item of the month for March is laundry detergent and is due March 22.

Bible Study News!!!

Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7PM in the Kammerer Room. We are studying the Koran, the holy book of Islam, comparing corresponding stories found in both the Koran and the Bible. Come join us!

News You Need Continued



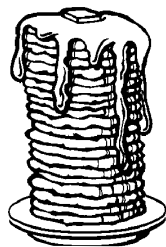
Lenten Events

Our journey toward Holy Week and Easter has begun. We hope that on the following Wednesdays you'll come and worship and fellowship with our congregational family (March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1) at our weekly **Lenten Vesper Services and Soup Suppers**. We will begin serving at 5:45 PM, in the social hall, for those who can arrive early and will continue to serve and socialize until our Vesper Service at 6:30-7PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to join us in our Lenten Pilgrimage.

The Littlestown Ministerium is once again conducting prayer breakfasts on Wednesdays in Lent. Prayer breakfasts are \$5 each, and take place from 8-9 AM at the following churches:

March 4
Bart's Centenary

March 11
St. John's



March 18
St. Luke's & Grace

March 25
St. Paul's



April 5
St. Aloysius

April 8
Christ UCC



VBS 2009:
Mark your calendars - June 14th thru June 18th at St. John's. Don't miss out on

the fun and fellowship - "WATCH" for more info!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Come join us for the fun on Easter Sunday, April 12th 2009 during Sunday School

- Rain or shine! Plenty of eggs and goodies!



The "Organ Fund" Committee consists of Bob Palmer, Don Schumaker and Larry Zepp. The committee is open to anyone interested. We welcome suggestions and ideals of all fund raising projects. Said funds will help raise funds for the organ repair and upgrade. Please pass any suggestions you may have to any member of the committee.